

coupled to the plate which one end insert into a bottom hole of a conventional pot.

* The water sucking material sucking water from the plate to the pot. The pot sits on the support(s). The support(s) couple to the plate. However, Kao does not disclose or teach that the pot sits on the support(s) directly (Kao called support "rib"). Also, Kao does not disclose or teach that the leg coupled to or accompanied with the plate. Kao disclosed that a disk member supported by plurality of rib members (line 16-17, page 4), and the pot disposed thereon (line 56, page 3). Kao also disclosed that water controlling sleeve being disposed in central opening of disk member (line 28-29, page 4). Rajon also claim a disk C, and a leg D disposed in central opening with a wick E(in Fig. 1). As we know, the bottom hole(s) of the most conventional pot are not located in the center. In the present invention, the self-watering tray has no disk, the leg or wick can be located anywhere to fit all kinds of pot.

Further in claim 1, the self-watering tray of the present invention has no disk, so that air venting under the pot throughly. However, in Kao's invention, the pot sits on a disk member, there is no way for air circuit/vent under the pot.

Obviously, either the structures or the functions of the self watering tray of the present invention are different with Kao's and Rajon's invention. Thus, it is believed that claim 1 is not anticipated by Kao. withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

As discussed above, the self watering tray of the present invention fit all kinds of pot. Also, the self-watering tray of the present invention provide a good air vent system under the pot for plant grow healthly. Kao does not teach or suggest such a feature. Thus, the advantages can not be expected from the reference. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable over Kao, and all other claims are in pending.

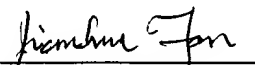
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in

condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application and favorable response are respectfully requested.

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